

Grateley Primary School

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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information

Thursday 21st December

Dear Parents,

This term has flown by! It is an absolute pleasure to work in such a warm and welcoming community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for your support this term; the children who make coming into work such a pleasure; to all of the fabulous Grateley school staff who are an amazing, hardworking team of people and the Grateley Governing Body who continue to volunteer their time in support of our school; *please see a letter from Amelia Bridges (Chair of Governors) attached to this newsletter.* We are all looking forward to a fantastic 2018 at Grateley!

With the start of the New Year in mind, there will be some new faces joining the team. I have the pleasure in welcoming Miss. Katie Hughes as our new Admin Assistant and Mrs. Thorne as a Teaching Assistant in Darwin class on a Thursday and Friday. I am sure that you will all make them feel as welcome as you did me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for their hard work this term. Without their amazing efforts, we would not be able to purchase some of the equipment that we are able to. It is down to their amazing fundraising efforts this term that we are approximately, £890 closer to a new interactive computer screen for one of our classrooms.

Internet Safety

Please be advised that we have updated our Internet Safety Policy, which can be found on the school website under the heading: **Parents.**

Playground Surface

I am delighted to inform you that when the children return to school on Monday 8th January, the process of resurfacing the playground will begin. We anticipate that (weather depending) the surface will be completed within a week. I have liaised with the company who will be re-laying the surface to ensure that there is access for drop off and pick up at the start and the end of the school day, as well as ensuring that the children will still be able to access part of the playground at lunchtimes and break times; albeit within a smaller area!

Class Newsletters for the Spring Term 2018

Class newsletters informing you of the curriculum foci for the spring term are on the website now. If you get a chance over the Christmas break, please go onto our website and have a look at what the children will be learning in the New Year. As always, if you would like a hard copy, please request one from your child's class teacher or from the front office.



Congratulations to those children who have received WOW certificates over the past two weeks!



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
Flicka Kennedy	Nula Lister	Tom Swift	Einav Ayers
Rebecca Kellaway	Daniel Edds	Evan Kellers	Callum Gray



Congratulations to those children who, over the past two weeks have been awarded Grateley leaves for exemplifying our core values of:



Respect, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Relationships:

Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
Zakary Hodges	Daniel Edds	Amelia Smith	Joseph Faulks
Georgia Coleman	Jamie Gray	Eloise Weller	Eleanor Vessey
Alfie Whitehead	Ben Evans	Lexi Adams	Ben Hatcher
Nancy Doughty	Tomasz Blazco	Izzy Capstick-Trembath	Gideon Butler
		Jude Butler	Amita Andrews
			Hermione Trigwell

Clubs

New clubs will begin after the Christmas break. All clubs will begin the week beginning **8th January 2018**. If you would like your child to participate in a club then please sign up via the front office.

Please see the list of clubs below:

Day	Time	Club Name	Led by
Wednesday	3:30-4:30	Football Club	Jason Holmes (Sports coach) <i>Please contact Jason for prices and availability.</i>
Wednesday	3:30-4:30	Homework Club	Miss Forsyth
Thursday	3:30-4:30	Running Club	Mrs Woodhead
Thursday	3:30-4:30	<u>11+ Club</u> Open to Year 5's only	Ms Allonby
Thursday	3:30-4:30	School Choir	Miss Timms
Thursday	3:30-4:30	Art Club	Miss Knights
Thursday	3:30-4:30	Dance Club!	Mrs Dance

Congratulations to **Cambridge**, who are in first place at the end of this autumn term. I am really proud of all of the children. They are working brilliantly as House teams; encouraging each other to earn house points through excellent learning and general behaviour.

Thank you to our House Captains for leading their houses so well this term!



Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd December to Thursday 4th January Christmas Holidays
Thursday 4th January INSET Day
Friday 5th January INSET Day
Monday 8th to 12th January Playground Surface Installation
Friday 9th February - school breaks up for Half Term
Monday 12th -Friday 16th February - HALF TERM
Monday 19th February - School re-opens
Monday 5th March - Athlete visiting school and talking to the children.
Tuesday 6th March - Darwin Class attend: 'The Big Sing' in Basingstoke 9:00-1pm
Tuesday 13th March Maths Calculation evening for parents 6pm-7:30pm



I have noticed that at the end of the school day, some children remain in the playground to play. Please be advised that once they are under your parental supervision, the school cannot accept any liability for accidents. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2018!

**Kindest regards,
Mrs R Dance
Head teacher**

Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School
<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/>

Grateley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:
Mrs R Dance – Head Teacher
Miss D Knights – Class Teacher

Safeguarding Governor is:
Mrs Sarah Jarman

Our Chair of Governors is:
Mrs Amelia Bridges

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible on the same day.

DO NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that he/she is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the head teacher in confidence.

If the concern relates to the Head Teacher you contact the Local Authority Designated Officers, LADO, on 01962 876364, who will consider what action to take.



Attendance:

It is vital that children attend school regularly. We at school monitor children's attendance weekly to ensure that they are attending. Our expectation is that the children achieve an attendance percentage of 96% or above (which is in line with Government expectations).

Whole school: 96%

Below are this week's class averages:

Bear Class: 96%

Darwin Class: 96%

Adamson Class: 96%

Attenborough Class: 95%



Congratulations to:



Bear, Darwin and Adamson Class

You have had the best attendance this week!

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End of Term Letter from the Governing Body.

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Dear Parents,

2017 has seen big changes to the School **Strategic Leadership Team**: a new Head Teacher, a new Chair of Governors and 2 new Governors, a new Admin Officer as well as new faces on the teaching staff. A lot for such a small School, but I am pleased to say that the Governing Body and Hampshire County Council are very pleased with the progress that has been made, particularly since September. The staff has, yet again, been fantastic in supporting the children's learning and adapting to the changes required of them. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and caring team helping our children.

Many of you will be aware of the Government's **National Funding Formula** for state schools that was unveiled earlier in the year. Having received feedback from all education authorities, the formula was revised and sent out for consultation at the beginning of November. Whilst Hampshire County Council will remain responsible for allocating funds across the County, the increase to the cost of high needs children means that savings have to be made. The consultation offered 3 funding options which had positives and negatives for different schools. Whilst we supported the option that was best for Grateley, the other options would not have a significant negative effect. We now await their decision, which is expected next year.

What is more important to Grateley is to ensure that all our school places are filled. The running costs of the school - staff, fuel, resources - don't really change whether we have 8 children in a class or 15, but the difference to the funding received is approximately **£20K**; a significant amount particularly for such a small school. You can help manage this by informing Mrs. Dance of planned relocation as soon as possible so that those on the waiting list can be offered places. Additionally advertising the School to friends in the area and suggesting they visit, might help increase our overall numbers.

In September I outlined a number of **projects** the School aimed to deliver over the academic year and am pleased to report that we will rectify the playground surface in the new year. We have managed to secure funding to pay for a new carpet surface which is recommended for outdoor recreation areas such as ours. The grant has enabled us to provide both a sports 'pitch' area and smaller recreation spaces for the younger children. We also hope to see higher gates installed to the playground entrance by February half term 2018, which will improve the safeguarding of our children. Mrs. Dance is working on the new website and the prototype looks modern, fun, interactive and easy to use which will improve School communications with parents and the community. It will be launched by Easter 2018 and coincides with the upgrade to the IT.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank you all for another year of support, commitment and understanding. We know that everyone leads busy lives so the time you give to supporting the children and the School is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas,

Amelia Bridges
(Chair of Governors)